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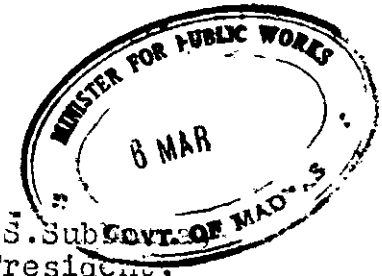

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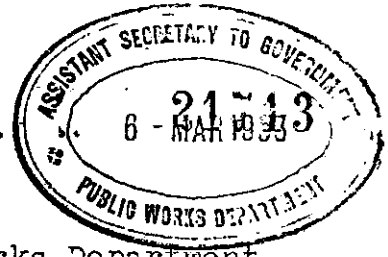

To

Hon'ble Sri N.Ranga Reddy
Minister for Public Works Department,
Government of Madras, MADRAS.

Honourable Sir,

I and some others of Kollegal Town propose to wait on a deputation to represent about "Improvement of supply to Hampapuram Tank from the river Honnahalla" in Kollegal Taluk and allied matters. I shall feel highly grateful if the Hon'ble Minister would be pleased to intimate to me the time, place and convenient date to meet. We propose to meet on 12-3-1953 if it is convenient.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
M.S. Subramaniam

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M. S. SUBBANNA, (Vice President).

PANCHAYAT BOARD, KOLLEGAL.

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To

The Honourable Minister for Public Works,
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR
12 MAR 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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M.S. Sundaram
A. Krishnaswamy
Thangavelu
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S.C. Vriddhachalam
M.L.A.

Kollegal
12th March 1953.

Copy to the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture.
Hon'ble Minister for Finance.

To 26258

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Government of Madras,
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All the members
Kollegal
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Kollegal
12th March 1953.

Copy to the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture.
" Hon'ble Minister for Finance.

P.W.D.(J.1).

SUB:- IRRIGATION - Coimbatore District - Kollegal Taluk - Improvement of Supply to Hampapuram Tank from the river Honnahalla - Deputation to M.(P.W) to make representations for taking up the scheme.

Ref:- From Sri M.S.Subbanna, Vice President, Panchayat Board, Kollegal, petition dated 5-3-53.

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Extract of the Minutes of M.(P.W).

"Yes, at 3 P.M. in the Secretariat".

N.R.R.
6/3/53.

To A.S.

Please see the petition from Sri M.S. Subbanna and the minutes of M.(P.W) thereon on p.1 c.f.

2. The petitioner has requested permission to wait on deputation on M.(P.W) on 12-3-53 to represent about the improvement of supply to Hampapuram tank from the river Honnahalla, in Kollegal taluk, Coimbatore District and allied matters.

3. In connection with a representation from the Kollegal Agricultural Association to take up the Honnahalla scheme, the C.E.(I) reported in October 1947 that the scheme was for the construction of an anicut across Honnahalla river and excavation of a supply channel to benefit Mudigudam, Kangamakarai and Hampapuram tanks and that it has been considered in 1929 and 1930 and dropped, as the investigation had not disclosed the possibilities of a scheme. He also stated that it has however been taken up again for consideration and that further gaugings of the river were necessary, since those conducted in 1924-26 did not prove beyond doubt the availability of supply. He further stated that the river was one of those mentioned in Schedule 4 of

the 1892 Agreement with Mysore, that he was looking into the implications of the Agreement on the proposal and that further action would be taken, if there were chances of success for the scheme.

4. In August 1950, the C.E.(I) reported with reference to the requests made in the Welcome Address presented to M.(P.W) by the Kollegal Agricultural Association that the scheme was included in the Intensive Cultivation Programme for 1950-51 and that it was for the construction of an anicut across the Honnahalla river and the excavation of the main supply channel therefrom with distributaries to benefit about 941 acres of direct ayacut and 320 acres of indirect ayacut. According to an estimate for the works submitted by the Superintending Engineer to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in August 1950 the scheme was estimated to cost Rs.5.22 lakhs for works and Rs.5.97 lakhs including direct and indirect charges and to give a return of 3% on the capital outlay. The scheme was recommended for early execution both by the Superintending Engineer and the Collector of Coimbatore in consideration of the favourable return expected and also the backward nature of the taluk to be served. But the C.E.(I) while agreeing with the recommendations of the S.E. and the Collr. of Coimbatore stated that for the following reasons the scheme could not be taken up as a 1951 target scheme and suggested that it might be deleted therefrom.

(1) The site chosen for the anicut is within 100' of the Mysore State boundary. As a result of the construction of the anicut, the H.F.L. of the river within the Mysore limits is likely to be increased and in order to avoid protracted correspondence with the Mysore Govt. a more detailed

examination for a suitable site lower down had to be made.

(2) A period of 2½ years or at least 2 years as a minimum ~~will~~ would be required for completing the project Hence the scheme ~~cannot~~ could not be completed before the end of 1951.

(3) The scheme contemplated a large extent of direct irrigation and hence it ~~is~~ was considered necessary to examine the daily discharge to see whether continuous supply for the direct ayacut ~~will~~ would be available. The C.E. however stated that proposals recommending the scheme as an ordinary irrigation work ~~will~~ would be submitted after examining the supply question and the feasibility of shifting the site of the anicut lower down. In the circumstances stated, the scheme was deleted from the I.C.Programme and revised proposals of the C.E.(I) are awaited. The question of according sanction to the scheme will be examined on receipt of the C.E.(I)'s. proposals.

5. In May 1952 the C.E.(I) reported that the Sub Divisional Officer, Tiruppattur in whose jurisdiction the above scheme lies had not been able to take up the investigation of the scheme and that he was instructed to take up the investigation in September 1952 and submit Plans and Estimates in January 1953. The C.E.(I) stated that his final report would be submitted to Govt. as soon as plans and estimates were received from the S.E. The file was therefore closed with a call Book entry against 1-3-53. The C.E.(I) is now being reminded separately for his report.

6. M.(P.W) has agreed to receive the deputation at 3 p.m. on 12-3-53 at the Secretariat. Sri M.S. Subbanna, the petitioner, may be informed accordingly.

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7. A draft telegram is submitted. After issue this may be submitted to M.(P.W) for his use when receiving the deputation.

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The question of the 1892 Agreements with Mysore will need very careful examination after the details of the scheme as finally advised by the Engineers become known.

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M.(P.W).

9.3.53

Submitted.

This may be circulated to M(P.W) for his use when receiving the deputation on 12.3.53.

May be sent to the P.A.

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P.A. to M.(P.W.)

12.3.53

Explained to the deputationists the present state of the case. Shall I have draft telegram sent to C.E. to send up the estimate

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 9-MAR1953 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Put up again on 11.3.

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SECRETARY TO G... 1 ...953 PUBLIC ... WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Please see the orders in circulation on page 4 ante the petition at pages 5 to 9 c.f. presented by the deputationists and the minutes of M.(P.W) on p.5 c.f.

2. With reference to the orders in circulation on p.4 ante it is submitted that the C.E.(I) has reported separately with reference to a representation from Sri S.C.Virupakshiah, M.L.A. that the investigation of a site lower down for the Hampapuram tank scheme to avoid submergence of Mysore territory could not be taken up as the special staff has been disbanded and that he has since applied for a special staff for the work. He has also stated that it will take some more time for further investigation and finalisation of the scheme. The receipt of further report as regards this scheme is being watched separately in C.No.21710/53. No further action seems called for in this.

The papers may be recorded in a Memo.

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